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AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

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SUBJECT: ANNUAL USDA RICE SURVEY IN IRAQ

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(B) KILLOUGH TO BEEGHLY LETTER SEPT 25, 1975

BANGKOK AND COLOMBO: PASS VISITING USDA GRAIN ECONOMISTS
WEYLAND M. BEEGHLY AND LEE SCHATZ

1. ACCORDING ITINERARY ATTACHED REF A, BEEGHLY AND SCHATZ
WILL BE IN BANGKOK NOVEMBER 7 - 12 AND COLOMBO NOVEMBER
12 - 17.

2. FLIGHT SCHEDULE FROM KUWAIT TO BAGHDAD AND FROM
BAGHDAD TO CAIRO CHANGED NOVEMBER ONE. HENCE, KUWAIT-
BAGHDAD-CAIRO SECTIONS OF PROPOSED BEEGHLY-SCHATZ
ITINERARY MUST BE MODIFIED. USINT SUGGESTS PAIR DEPART
KUWAIT FRIDAY NOVEMBER 28 ATHEQUPP HRS ON KUWAITI
AIRLINES FLT 521 ETA BAGHDAD 18:15. SIMILARLY CAN
DEPART BAGHDAD 8:00 AM MONDAY DECEMBER FIRST ON IRAQI
AIRWAYS FLT 001 ETA CAIRO 11:00 AM.

3. AS MENTIONED REF B WE HAVE CONFIRMED RESERVATIONS
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AT CARLTON HOTEL FOR NOVEMBER 29 AND 30. HOTEL

SITUATION REMAINS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT. WE WILL NOT
CHANGE CURRENT RESERVATIONS UNTIL WE HAVE CONFIRMATION
FROM GROUP OF THEIR ARRIVAL TIME IN BAGHDAD. THEIR
NO-SHOW WILL MEAN FORFEIT OF DEPOSIT OF 68 DOLLARS
USINT HAD TO GIVE HOTEL.

4. FYI: PRELIMINARY FINDING OF STEPHEN GABBERT OF
RICE MILLERS ASSOCIATION DURING CURRENT BAGHDAD VISIT
IS THAT IRAQ WILL REMAIN IMPORTANT CUSTOMER FOR USOKO
RICE (THOUGH NO LONGER FOR NUMBER FIVE GRAINS)FOR

NEXT 4 - 5 YEARS. HOWEVER, PAKISTAN BASMATI RICE HAS
BEGUN TO MAKE INROADS INTO MARKET.

5. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP ON REVISED SCHEDULE FOR BAGHDAD.
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